



State Health Services Council Meeting  
Texas Department of State Health Services  
Thursday, May 5, 2005  
1100 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78756  
Moreton Building, Room M-739  
10:00 a.m.  
Minutes

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**Chair's Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** Dr. Arredondo called the meeting to order at 10:00 - a.m.

**Member's Present:**

Dr. Rudy Arredondo, Ed.D, Council Chair – Lubbock  
Dr. Lewis Foxhall, M.D. - Houston  
Dr. Jeffrey Ross, M.D. - Houston

Ms. Beverly Barron, B.A. - Odessa  
Ms. Glenda Kane – Corpus Christi  
Mr. James Springfield – Harlingen

**Members Absent:** Dr. Jaime Davidson, M.D. - Dallas

**Registered Guests:** Marcia C. Rachofsky, Rita Littefield, Matt Ferrara, John Lattimore, Linda Cloninger, Cecilia Berrios, Frank Jackson, Elizabeth S. Joberg, Kathleen Ford, Curtis Krause, Ardas Khalsa, Cinthia Humphrey, Andrea Richardson, Sandy Skelton, Tom Valentine, Angie Estwick, Starr West, Mark Fussell.

**Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes:** The Council approved the minutes from the March 3, 2005 meeting.

**Agenda Item #2: Public Comment:** None

**Agenda Item #3: May Mental Health Month Resolution:** Council approved resolution to acknowledge May as mental health month. Resolution can be found at:  
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/050505/3a.pdf>.

**Agenda Item #4: Medicare Part D Briefing:** Mr. Shore provided a presentation on the Medicare Prescription Drug Program which included an overview and implementation plan for: Medicare Prescription Drug Program: Dual Eligibility, Formulary Guidance, Outreach Campaign, HHSC Communications Strategy, HHSC Communications Plan and Target Audiences, HHSC Communications Strategy, Materials, and Activities, Policy Implications for DSHS Programs, Texas HIV Medication Program, Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program, Community Mental Health Services, Kidney Health Care, Primary Health Care. Additional information regarding this presentation can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/050505/4.ppt>. An update on outreach and education strategies will be presented at the May 2005 Council meeting.

**Agenda Item #5: Consideration of Rules**

- a. Amendments to Rules Relating to Charges for Community-Based Mental Health Services–Medicare D
- b. Amendments to Rules Relating to the Kidney Health Care Services – Medicare D
- c. Amendments to Rules Relating to the Primary Health Care – Medicare D
- d. Amendments to Rules Relating to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- e. Amendment to a Rule Relating to the Register of Mother-Friendly Businesses
- f. New and Amendments to Rules Relating to Statewide Immunization of Children by Hospitals, Physicians, and Other Health Care Providers and New Department of State Health Services Immunization Schedule
- g. Amendments to Rules Relating to Surveillance and Control of Birth Defects
- h. Amendments to Rules Relating to Training and Certification of Promotores(as) or Community Health Workers
- i. New, Repeals, and Amendments to Rules Relating to Minimum Standards for the Licensing and Operation of Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- j. Repeals and New Rules Relating to the Regulation of Retail Food Establishments

Council members discussed rules and moved to recommend HHSC approval for publication of each of the rules contained in agenda item 5a-j.

**Agenda Item #6: Council Chair’s Report:** Dr. Arredondo provided an overview of his meeting with the HHSC Council Chair and other Departments’ Council Chairs within the HHS Enterprise. He also announced Council Subject Matter Liaisons to each of the Department of State Health Services Divisions as follow:

**State Health Services Council Subject Matter Liaisons**

Council Subject Matter Liaison	DSHS Area/Division
Rudy Arredondo and Beverly Barron	Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Glenda Kane	Family and Community Health Services
Jeffrey Ross and Jaime Davidson	Prevention and Preparedness
James Springfield	Regulatory Services
Lewis Foxhall	Chief Financial Officer

**Agenda Item #7: Commissioner’s Report:** Dr. Sanchez reviewed the following items as part of his report:

- a. **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Awards:** On April 11, 2005, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced 10 new FQHCs totaling \$5,443,773 in grants for Texas.
- b. **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant:** The current federal budget reduced the grant-funding allocation for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant by 9.25 percent for fiscal year 2005 and the President’s proposed budget eliminates it in fiscal year 2006.
- c. **Newborn Screening Technical Assistance Review:** The National Newborn Screening and Genetic Resource Center conducted a technical review of the DSHS Newborn Screening Program. DSHS will study the technical review and make appropriate recommendations to improve services provided to infants born in Texas.

- d. **Rio Grande Health Services District Update:** The 77th Legislature appropriated general-obligation bond funds to build new replacement facilities for the Texas Center for Infectious Disease in San Antonio and the South Texas Health Care System in the lower Rio Grande Valley. DSHS is working with the Rio Grande Valley Health Services District to plan the new facilities.
- e. **Texas Round-up Update:** The Texas Round-Up is a statewide effort to encourage Texans of all fitness levels to incorporate daily physical activity and healthy choices into their lives. Fifty-eight state agencies participated, with more than 19,700 employees signing up. Of these, more than 1,440 were DSHS employees; 1,156 of whom completed the six-week program. DSHS received an award at the event's Governor's Cup Challenge ceremonies on April 30.

Dr. Sanchez also highlighted the following activities and the diversity of programs across the Department:

- System-wide transformation of mental health services grant
- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's work with the DSHS radiation program
- Hepatitis A cases confirmed
- Strategic National Stockpile Exercise Planned for August
- HIV Prevention - Bi-national activities
- Obesity prevention strategic plan
- WIC Electronic Benefits Transfer
- Promotora Training and Certification meeting held in Corpus Christi

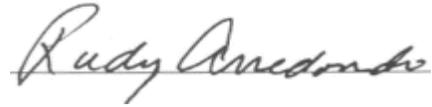
Dr. Sanchez reported that CDC has assigned a senior management official, Mark Fussell, to DSHS. Mr. Fussell will serve as the CDC executive point of contact and contribute to strategic planning between CDC and DSHS, help to ensure compatible frameworks and goals, and evaluate how CDC supports its partnership with DSHS.

#### **Agenda Item #8: Staff Briefings**

- a. **Legislative Update:** Jayne Nusbaum provided overview of legislative initiatives and added that the Department has tracked over 650 bills. Ms. Nusbaum noted the following Bills: HB790, HB1316, HB1677, HB3097, SB6, SB66, SB325, SB330, SB492, SB747, SB1211, SB1239, SB1667.
- b. **Appropriations Update:** Machele Pharr provided an overview of the FY06-07 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR). This included an update on appropriations as of May 3, 2005, LBB recommendations, and funded and unfunded exceptional items.
- c. **HHSC Update:**
  - **Communication:** Tom Valentine followed up regarding communication between the Council and HHSC. Mr. Valentine stated that he or an HHSC representative would attend Council meetings as a way of informally communicating and also stated that the Council can develop and propose a more formal communication process.
  - **Rules:** Mr. Valentine acknowledged the excellent collaboration between HHSC and DSHS regarding the Medicare Part D rules. He added that he will present the final rules adoption process at the next Council meeting.
  - **Rider 55 Feasibility Study:** The final report is posted on the HHSC web site. The report does not advise to close any state facilities at this time until long-term policy is established. The report also recommends that state schools and state facilities need to be viewed as one part of a comprehensive set of services for persons with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses.

**d. Public Health System Overview:** Dr. Curry provided an overview of the Public Health System. His presentation can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/council/agendas/050505/8d.ppt>.

**Adjournment:** Dr. Arredondo adjourned the Council meeting at 3:45 p.m.



Dr. Rudy Arredondo, Chair

June 30, 2005

Date Approved by Council